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SUBJECT: GOZ EXPELS NEWSWEEK CORRESPONDENT
ANDREW JAFFE

1. NEWSWEEK'S ANDREW JAFFE ARRIVED KINSHASA SATURDAY EVENING FOR STATE PURPOSE OF COVERING AAI-SPONSORED CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN AND AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVES THIS WEEK.

2. JAFFE CALLED ON PAO AT RESIDENCE SUNDAY, STATING THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAD ARRIVED FROM NAIROBI WITHOUT INCIDENT, HE HAD SINCE BEEN INFORMED THAT HE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO LEAVE. ACCORDINGJAFFE, ZAIRIAN, IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS REPRESENTATIVE OF OFFICE OF PROTOCOL, WENT TO HIS HOTEL ROOM SUNDAY MORNING, ASKED TO SEE HIS VISA, EXAMINED VISA, PRONOUNCED IT IN ORDER, AND LEFT.SUBSEQUENTLY, AAI VICE-PRESIDENT FRANK FERRARI INFORMED JAFFE THAT GOZ AUTHORITIES WERE VERY UPSET ABOUT ISSUANCE OF VISA AND WERE INSISTENT THAT JAFFE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO LEAVE ON THE FIRST AVAILABLE FLIGHT. JAFFE INFORMED PAO TODAY THAT "REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OFFICE OF THE
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PRESIDENCY" CAME TO HIM AT ROOM 6:00 AM.,

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CONFISCATED HIS PASSPORT, AND INFORMED HIM THAT HE WAS TO LEAVE ON PANAM 184 TODAY FOR JOHANNESBURG.

3. AS DEPARTMENT AND NAIROBI AWARE, DESPITE INTERCESSION BY POST ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, JAFFE HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN ZAIRE VISA EVER SINCE HIS MARCH 1973 VISIT, WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY NEWSWEEK ARTICLE HIGHLY CRITICAL OF GOZ.

4. JAFFE STATES GOZ AUTHORITIES ACCUSE HIM OF HAVING OBTAINED VISA UNDER FALSE PRETENSES. JAFFE DENIES THIS, ALTHOUGH HE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT GOZ' CABLED AUTHORITY TO GOZ EMBASSY NAIROBI FOR VISA ISSUANCE STIPULATED THAT VISA WAS TO BE ISSUED TO CAPE TOWN CORRESPONDENT PETER YOUNGHUSBAND. JAFFE SAYS HE SIMPLY TOLD GOZ CONSUL THAT YOUNGHUSBAND WAS UNAVAILABLE, AFTER WHICH VISA WAS PROMPTLY ISSUED TO HIM.

5. JAFFE TOLD PAO HE KNEW HE WAS RISKING EXPULSION BY COMING HERE (THEREBY ADMITTING BY IMPLICATION THAT HE HAD INDEED OBTAINED VISA TROUGH MISREPRESENTATION), BUT THAT NEWSWEEK EDITORS HAD WANTED HIM HERE RATHER THAN YOUGHUSBAND BECAUSE NEWSWEEK WISHED TO DO COVER STORY ON ZAIRE.

6. JAFFE PROFESSED TO BE UNDISTURBED AS WELL AS UNSURPRISED BY EXPULSION ORDER. HE HAS TODAY CALLED ON SEVERAL MISSION OFFICERS, AND APPARENTLY INTENDS TO WRITE AN ARTICLE ON ZAIRE. AS FAR AS EMBASSY KNOWS, HE HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH ZAIRIANS OTHER THAN CONCERNING HIS EXPULSION.
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